

Application No.: 10/564,122

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AMENDMENT

Please amend the present application as indicated hereinafter.

In The Abstract:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A method and apparatus for winding and knotting a thread around a sewing thread of a button for clothes so that a gap between the button and a suit, on which the button is sewn, is maintained. _The thread, which is twisted at least twice, passes over and winds around the sewing thread ~~of the button and winds around the sewing thread~~, thereby forming firm knots of the thread around the sewing thread ~~of the button~~ and preventing the knots ~~of the thread~~ from being disentangled. _Since guiding means accurately and reliably guides the thread to pass over the sewing thread ~~of the button~~, and the knot-guiding means and the thread take-up means of the apparatus are simultaneously operated by a single driving means, ~~the apparatus and method of the present invention performs~~ firm and effective winding of the thread around the sewing thread ~~of the button as well as~~ and reduces production costs and energy consumption rate of the apparatus, and reduces failure rate, thereby improving reliability of winding and knotting the thread around the sewing thread ~~of the button~~.